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11. On April 22, the Charge delivered Reftel demarche on the U.S. candidacy for the UN Human Rights Council to Deputy Foreign Minister Trullols (the Foreign Minister was traveling). Trullols said that he would pass the U.S. diplomatic note and "commitments and pledges" to the Foreign Minister immediately. Trullols made no substantive comment on the upcoming vote, other than to note that the Dominicans have been approached by several other countries seeking their support. Post will re-approach the GODR and seek a more definitive position.

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